

## PHARMACY BOARD[657]

### Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 7, “Hospital Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments were approved at the September 13, 2011, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendments clarify the definition of a hospital pharmacy to which the chapter applies and clarify the processes and security requirements for a verbal order for the administration of a prescription drug to a patient in a hospital. The proposed amendments also organize subrule 7.8(3) into distinct paragraphs and identify the subject of each of the paragraphs with catchwords.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 25, 2011. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by E-mail to [terry.witkowski@iowa.gov](mailto:terry.witkowski@iowa.gov).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 124.306, 124.308, and 155A.13.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 657—7.1(155A) as follows:

**657—7.1(155A) Purpose and scope.** Hospital pharmacy means and includes a pharmacy licensed by the board and located within any hospital, health system, institution, or establishment which maintains and operates organized facilities for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of ~~human~~ illnesses to which ~~persons~~ patients may or may not be admitted for overnight stay at the facility. A hospital is a facility licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135B. This chapter does not apply to a pharmacy located within such a facility for the purpose of providing outpatient prescriptions. A pharmacy providing outpatient prescriptions is and shall be licensed as a general pharmacy subject to the requirements of 657—Chapter 6. The requirements of these rules for hospital pharmacy practice apply to all hospitals, regardless of size or type, and are in addition to the requirements of 657—Chapter 8 and other rules of the board relating to services provided by the pharmacy.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 7.8(3) as follows:

**7.8(3) Medication orders.** Except as provided in subrule 7.8(14) or this subrule, a pharmacist shall receive a copy of ~~the~~ an original written medication order for review except when the prescriber directly enters the medication order into an electronic medical record system or when the prescriber issues a verbal medication order directly to a registered nurse or pharmacist who then enters the order into an electronic medical record system.

a. Verbal order. The use of verbal orders shall be minimized. All verbal orders shall be read back to the prescriber, and the read back shall be documented with or on the order.

b. Written order not entered by prescriber. If an individual other than the prescriber enters a medication order into an electronic medical record system from an original written medication order, the pharmacist shall review and verify the entry against the original written order before the drug is dispensed except for emergency use, when the pharmacy is closed, ~~or when the original order is a verbal order from the prescriber to the registered nurse or pharmacist~~, or as provided in rule 657—7.7(155A).

c. Order entered when pharmacy closed. When the pharmacy is closed, a registered nurse or pharmacist may enter a medication order into an electronic medical record system for the purpose of creating an electronic medication administration record and a pharmacist shall verify the entry against the original written medication order, if such written order exists, as soon as practicable.

d. System security. Hospitalwide and pharmacy stand-alone computer systems shall be secure against unauthorized entry. System login or access credentials issued to an authorized system user shall not be shared or disclosed to any other individual.

e. Abbreviations and chemical symbols on orders. The use of abbreviations and chemical symbols on medication orders shall be discouraged but, if used, shall be limited to abbreviations and chemical symbols approved by the appropriate patient care committee.